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Scientific Name: -*Ailia coila*

Family: Ailiidae

Common Name: Gangetic ailia

Physical Characteristics:

They have an elongated, slightly compressed body, with silvery colouration on the sides and belly. They have relatively large scales and a deeply forked caudal fin. The mouth is terminal and slightly oblique.

Geographical Distribution:

India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and parts of Pakistan.

Economic Importance:

It is an important species, both economically and ecologically, in the freshwater ecosystems of the Indian subcontinent, providing food and livelihoods for local communities while also contributing to the biodiversity and ecological balance of rivers and lakes.



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